

Chaddsford Jan. 2^d 1864

Dear Sir

I have been unable to answer your favor of the 12th ult. before this.

I now send a somewhat hastily written article on the Maryland plants, which you will please cut and slash at as much as may be necessary. I do not feel satisfied with the *Desmodium* portion, as there seems to be hardly enough comparison to make the thing plain. Perhaps it would be better to give the description on the small paper at the end of the footnote. Or to translate Muhlberg's *Med.* descriptions (from the mixed English German & Latin) and give them with explanatory remarks. I have been afraid of being too lengthy.

Chapman describing *D. rotundifolium* says "Flowers, "occasionally yellowish white". Perhaps he has confounded this with *D. ochroleucum*.

I have seen Mr. Common, who has no